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29 December 2016

Brass in Concert 2017

Dear Secretary,

I am delighted to provide details of our upcoming Brass in Concert weekend.

The Night Before

Following the success of the informal concert event which took place on the evening preceding our 2016 contest, we are pleased to announce that a similar event will take place on **Friday 3rd March 2017** in the Wesleyan Hall, Fivemiletown. We would appreciate if you could help to get the word out to bands who typically would not compete in our contests but would like the opportunity to take part in an informal “turn up and play” evening. There are no minimum/maximum time limits for performances on the Friday night, no player registration rules and performances are not adjudicated upon.

The Entertainment Contest

Please find enclosed the entry form for the forthcoming Entertainment Contest which will be held on **Saturday 4th March 2017** at the **Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown**.

Please note the **closing date** for contest entries will be the BBL meeting on **Saturday 28th January 2017**. This is to enable any queries to be resolved and the draw to take place at the February meeting.

Please note all relevant NIBA & BBL affiliation fees must be paid in order to compete in the contest.

Playing times and prizes for individual sections are:

Section	Min Playing Time (mins)	Max Playing Time (mins)	Additional Prizes
Championship	20	25	Best March - Most Entertaining Band - Best Soloist
Grade 2	15	20	Best March - Most Entertaining Band - Best Soloist
Grade 3	15	20	Best March - Most Entertaining Band - Best Soloist
Grade 4	15	20	Best March - Most Entertaining Band - Best Soloist
Grade 5/ Unaffiliated Bands	No minimum	15	Best March - Most Entertaining Band - Best Soloist

It is envisaged that percussion will be provided once again for both the Friday night concert and Saturday contest. This will hopefully save bands the considerable hassle and expense of having to transport their own. Details of supplied percussion will be confirmed to participating bands in due course.

Appeal for Sponsorship

Due to the loss of our primary sponsor, the BBL are seeking **sponsorship** for our event. Contests are expensive to run and any financial assistance which is forthcoming, no matter how little, will be gratefully received. Assistance could be through a contribution towards the overall prize fund, sponsorship of an individual prize, our event running costs or through taking an advert in our programme (£30 for half page, £50 for full page). If you or someone in your band knows someone who may be interested, we would be grateful if you could pass on their details.

Likewise, please let me know if your band would like to advertise any events in our programme. Adverts for affiliated bands are free of charge.

If you have any queries, please get in touch using the contact details below.

I look forward to seeing you in Fivemiletown.

Paul Kirk
Secretary

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Brass in Concert

Saturday 4th March 2017
Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown

ENTRY FORM

(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

Band Name:	
Secretary's Email Address:	
Secretary's Phone Number: <i>(mobile preferred)</i>	
Secretary's Address:	

Section (Please tick):

Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>	4 th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 th Grade / Unaffiliated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 rd Grade	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Entry Fee:

Championship, 2 nd Grade	£50.00
3 rd Grade, 4 th Grade, 5 th Grade/Unaffiliated	£40.00

Entry fee enclosed for the amount: £_____

If payment is by cheque, please state cheque number: _____
*(Cheques to be made payable to the **Brass Band League**)*

Other information

- i) Closing date for entries is **Saturday 28th January 2017**.
- ii) Entries sent via email will not be accepted until payment has been received. Electronic payments are acceptable. Please contact the BBL secretary for details.